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Seattle doctor agrees to surrender his medical license

Physician was suspended last year on charges of trading drugs for sex

OLYMPIA — A Seattle doctor accused of trading drugs for sex with a prostitute has surrendered his license to practice medicine in Washington. Last May, the state Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the Department of Health immediately suspended the license of Leonard D. Hudson (MD00010900) based on the charges.

The commission accepted Hudson's voluntary license surrender, which resolves the matter.

Last October, Hudson pleaded guilty in King County Superior Court to violating the Uniformed Controlled Substances Act, and was sentenced to 12 months of probation. The commission and the state health department worked with law enforcement during the investigation.

Starting in 2009, Hudson supplied more than two dozen prescriptions for narcotic pain relievers and other drugs to a woman severely addicted to controlled substances without ever medically examining her. He continued to write prescriptions for her after he was warned of her addiction, and even after she overdosed on OxyContin and was admitted to the hospital. During this time, Hudson had an ongoing sexual relationship with the woman.

Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online; click the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov).

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